

REMARKS

Claims 10, 11 and 69-72 are pending. Claims 26-34, 43-68 and 73 are cancelled with this amendment. Claims 69-72 are currently amended.

Applicant is amending to take claims that the Office has indicated are allowable. These include claims 10-11 and claims 69-72. As to claims 69-72, the Applicant is amending these claims to place these claims in independent form, including the features of the base claim and any intervening claims from which these claims depend. As the Office has already indicated that the claims would be allowable if placed in this form, this amendment does not require any further search or consideration for its entry.

35 U.S.C. §112

The Office has rejected claims 64 and 65-73 because, in the view of the Examiner, claim 64 is indefinite because it recites "glycoside hydrolase family 5." This is actually a very well known term in the art. Computer databases searches in this art are well known and well within the perspective of skill. If the Examiner were to search a free website at http://afmb.cnrs-mrs.fr/CAZY/GH_5.html, he would find approximately 540 entries for glycoside hydrolase family 5. Claim 64, as now reflected in the remaining claims, is not indefinite simply because it recites this term, which is so well known from the perspective of skill.

Regardless, the rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 64. What is meant particularly by the claims that remain when they recite GH5 is the GH5 family sequence of SEQ ID NO. 3. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 69-72 are allowable for this reason and because they have been rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims from which they depend.

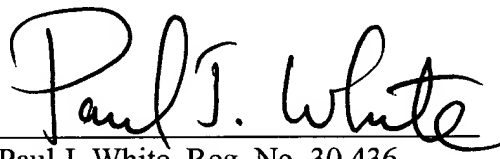
The rejection of claims 26-34, 43-44, 63-68 and 73 under 35 U.S.C §112 first paragraph is rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims. Applicant continues to assert; however, that the specification does enable these claims because the level of experimentation is not undue, the claims are not overly broad, and for other reasons.

Based upon the foregoing discussion, we submit that claims 10, 11, and 69-72 are in allowable condition. We respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

Applicants' attorney respectfully solicits a Notice of Allowance in this application. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions that would expedite the prosecution of the present case to allowance, Applicants' undersigned representative earnestly requests a telephone call at (303) 384-7575.

Respectfully Submitted,

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